

**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
**March 10, 2010**

**JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
***MEETING MINUTES***

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The Justice Behavioral Health Committee (JBHC) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Wednesday, March 10, 2010, in room 202, at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

**Members Present:**

Bonnie Brown  
Scott Carlson  
Eleanor Devlin  
Lori Griggs  
Jim Harvey  
Scott Helvie  
Linda Krutz  
Dennis McChargue  
Deb Minardi  
Terri Nutzman  
T. Hank Robinson  
Brenda Rohren  
Steve Rowoldt, Co-Chair  
Julie Scott  
Richard Thomas  
Mike Tolley  
Mark Weilage

**Members Absent:**

Dave Carver  
Carol Coussons de Reyes  
Vickie Frizzell-Pratt  
Kathleen Grant  
Thomas Glenn  
Troy Greve  
Anne Hansen  
Dallas Massey  
Mike Overton  
Travis Parker  
Frank Peak  
Bruce Prenda  
Kathy Seacrest  
Barry Walker  
Dave Wegner  
Linda Wittmuss, Co-Chair

**Council Staff Present:**

Tia Bachman  
Jeff Beaty

**Others Present:**

Dan Powers

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Steve Rowoldt, Deputy Probation Administrator in Charge of Field Services, and Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and announced the meeting was subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Attendance is indicated above. Each member introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about their association with JBHC.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Members reviewed the September 9, 2009 meeting minutes. A change was made to page 4: Parole Update. "Parole field staff have voiced..." will be changed to read: "Substance abuse providers have voiced..."

*A motion was made by Deb Minardi and seconded by Dennis McChargue to approve the September 9, 2009 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.*

## **MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Linda Krutz, Executive Director, Community Corrections Council (Council), announced that Dallas Massey, Licensed Independent Mental Health Provider (LIMHP), Licensed Mental Health Provider (LMHP), and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC); Travis Parker, M.S., LIMHP, Certified Professional Counselor (CPC); and Frank Peak, Ph.D. have been appointed to the behavioral health and mental health positions on the Council.

Richard Thomas, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Assistant Administrator for Substance Abuse, Department of Correctional Services (DCS), was appointed as the representative for DCS Substance Abuse Services previously held by Rick McNeese.

According to the Bylaws, the behavioral health and mental health appointees of the Council, as well as the representative for DCS Substance Abuse Services, are statutory by position.

Joan Huss, LMHP, LADC, was nominated to fill the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors position previously held by Nancy Probst. *A ballot vote was conducted and Joan Huss was elected as the representative for the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors position.*

## **JUVENILE REPORT**

Terri Nutzman, Director, Office of Juvenile Services (OJS), gave an update on Juvenile Services. EQUIP, a cognitive behavioral evidence based program, will be implemented at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) – Kearney. Family team meetings will have the capabilities of being conducted via web camera at

YRTC Kearney and Geneva. Mike Reddish, OJS, was appointed as the Interstate Compact on Juveniles (ICJ) State Commissioner.

## **PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE**

Julie Scott, Justice Treatment Systems Specialist, Probation Administration, presented year-end report on the Fee For Service Voucher (Voucher) program. At the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, \$244,000 remained of the \$3.9 million allotted to the Voucher program. A total of 1,399 clients utilized the Voucher program. This includes: 550 parole participants, 159 Problem-Solving Court participants, and 690 probationers.

Scott then presented the Rules Governing the Fee for Service Voucher Program, Population Served by the Fee for Service Voucher Program, and descriptions of substance-abuse evaluations, outpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and short-term residential treatment. Probation is also conducting a pilot project that will enable the collection of data on services provided to problem-solving court clients. Registered providers are issued non-monetary vouchers for all court clients.

Deb Minardi, Deputy Probation Administrator for Community Based Supervision, Programming and Services, gave an update on the Remote Recovery Project. The intent of the study is to reduce the barriers in rural communities between supervision and treatment. A draft for implementation will be completed by the end of April 2010. The first phase of implementation will begin in June 2010 and a second phase in the fall of 2010.

Mike Tolley, United States Probation, provided an update on federal probationers accessing services at the Reporting Centers (RC). The probationers are currently accessing cognitive behavioral groups and once outstanding contracts are completed, will access pretreatment groups at RCs. Payment collected for these services is entered into the general fund.

Minardi informed the committee of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, FY 2010 Competitive Grant. The Council will send out information on deadlines and requirements to all committee members. The grant discussion will be tabled until the June 9, 2010 meeting.

## **PROVIDER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Brenda Rohren, LIMHP, LMHP, LADC, gave the Provider Sub-Committee Report and said Scott will approach four or five providers to become members of the sub-committee. Consumers may also be added in the near future.

Rohren then gave an update on the status of the Provisional Criminal Justice Substance Use Disorders Standards of Practice (Provisional Standards). The sub-committee will develop a complete plan by March 30, 2010 to include: developing criteria for service provider eligibility to provide substance abuse treatment for

individuals with criminal histories; and developing a Nebraska peer review protocol to monitor substance abuse treatment services for individuals with criminal histories.

#### **PROVIDER SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATION**

The sub-committee chair position was recently vacated by Nancy Probst, LADC. Rohren said the sub-committee voted to nominate Joan Huss for the chair position. *A ballot vote was conducted and Joan Huss was elected as Chair of the Provider Sub-Committee.*

#### **DATA SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT AND CHAIR NOMINATION**

Jim Harvey, Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), said Dave Wegner, Deputy Probation Administrator, Information Systems, and former chair of the Data Sub-Committee, nominated Harvey for the chair position via letter to the Council.

Harvey said he would only be able to accept the nomination as chair if the sub-committee changed directions and worked on the projects currently being worked on by Harvey and DHHS. This includes the substance abuse and the mental health block grants, National Outcomes Measurement System (NOMS), and identifying where individuals with DHHS, Division of Behavioral Health funded services are in connection with the criminal justice system.

Council staff will coordinate a meeting for the Data Sub-Committee and the Uniform Data Committee prior to the June 9, 2010 meeting. Discussion should include the review of the Data Sub-Committee and the Uniform Data Committee with their connection to the Council. At the next JBHC meeting, the sub-committee will present a prioritized list of projects to be completed and provide the old charge statement and the new statement to be reviewed and adopted.

Nomination and election of the Chair for the Data Sub-Committee will be tabled until the June 9, 2010 meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT**

Krutz gave an update on the activities of the Council since the last meeting. The minutes from the February 12, 2010 Council meeting are included in the packet. The Council website has been reworked for ease of use and the introduction of new materials.

An Evaluation and Research Steering Committee chaired by Mike Dunkle, Crime Commission, was created by the Council. The Steering Committee will be evaluating the study currently being conducted for Problem-Solving Courts.

The Council took a two and one half percent cut in fiscal year 09-10, and a seven percent cut in FY 10-11. Council funded programs were impacted in FY 09-10 and will continue to be impacted in FY 10-11.

Jeff Beaty, Policy Analyst, Council, described the letter sent to Senator Ashford and the Judiciary Committee to inform them of the impact to the Council programs with regard to LB 800 and the use of the Probation Program Cash Fund. The Council has also created the Community Corrections Council Planning Sub-committee to develop an integrated work plan for the Council.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Nebraska State Office Building, Room 1Z, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, at 11:27 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tia M. Bachman